

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
February 9-10, 2017
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on February 9-10, 2017, at the Airport Comfort Suites in Greensboro, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Kristine Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald, M.A., Joseph Pasquarell, Anthony Powell, M.A. and Matthew Van Horn, J.D.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Marc Davis, M.A., Staff Psychologist; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Hill reminded Board members that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Board members were directed to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting and to refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved. Board members were asked to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting, and instructed that, if one arose during the course of this meeting, to articulate it to the Board.

General

1. The Board welcomed the new Staff Psychologist/Investigator, Marc Davis.
2. Alex Siegel, Director of Professional Affairs for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards provided ethics and operations training to Board members.
3. The financial report for the period of time ending January 31, 2017 was reviewed.
4. Staff provided an update on the implementation of criminal background checks.
5. Staff provided an update on the implementation of online corporate renewals.
6. Staff provided an update on the implementation of new state exam system with current vendor.
7. The Board discussed the status of new online state exam system and new state exam questions.
8. Staff provided an update on the PLUS online application system.
9. Staff and Sally Cameron from NCPA provided an update of legislative activity related to Occupational Licensing Boards.
10. The Board reviewed and approved a request from NC DHHS regarding sending rules review letter to licensees.

11. The Board discussed adding a behavioral analysts resource page to the Board's website.
12. The Board discussed ideas for future newsletter articles.
13. The Board discussed upcoming ASPPB Meetings. (April 27-30 – Memphis; October 17-22 – Hawaii)
14. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

15. Case # 021707 - Streppa, Michael, Psy.D. (unlic.) – The Board reviewed the complainants' allegations that Dr. Streppa is practicing psychology without a license in violation of the NC Psychology Practice Act. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact additional potential witnesses.
16. Gordhamer, Rolf, Ph.D. (unlic) – The Board reviewed the complainant's allegation that Dr. Gordhamer is practicing psychology in North Carolina without being licensed in North Carolina in violation of the NC Psychology Practice Act. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact additional potential witnesses.
17. The Board discussed a request for guidance on the proper disposal of psychological testing materials. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to research the issue and possibly develop proposed guidance.

Other

18. Board Projects - The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects as indicated below:
 - a. develop online state exam.
 - b. develop online application system.
 - c. revision of the Board's rules
 - d. electronic scanning of all records
 - e. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
 - f. consider amending rules which address the filing of a Section 2 supervision contract when an individual's work is totally outside of the mental health field
 - g. possibly revise Board rules which address the displaying of one's licensure and HSP certificates to cover situations in which services are being provided electronically

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made and adopted by the Board to hold a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board went into closed session to discuss individual applicants or individual licensees, following which, it reported:

Supervision Issues

19. Bing, Richard, M.S. – Applicant for level 2 reduced supervision. Mr. Bing has two reprimands from the Board and previous Board action which requires Board approval for reduced supervision. Following discussion, the Board approved the application.

20. Holloway, Lois, M.S. – Applicant for level 2 reduced supervision. Ms. Holloway does not have one full calendar year with current Supervisor as required under the Board's rules. Following discussion, the Board denied the application.

Evarrs, Sandra – Applicant for Provisional to Permanent Licensure – The Board was informed at its November 3, 2016 meeting that when Dr. Evarrs initially applied for licensure in 2014 she submitted a Section 2 Supervision Contract with an effective date of 7/1/2004, which indicated that she was not practicing psychology. However, when Dr. Evarrs' provisional to permanent licensure application was submitted in 2016, it indicated that she had been practicing psychology and receiving supervision since April 30, 2012. As Dr. Evarrs apparently had an incorrect supervision contract on file with Board for two years, the Board deferred making a decision on Dr. Evarrs' application and instructed staff to have Dr. Evarrs and her supervisor provide written explanations for the incorrect supervision contract filed in 2014. In the submitted explanation letter, Dr. Evarrs stated that she simply did not do an effective job of attending to the details of the application process, which she very much regrets. She also attributed part of the problem to her family's struggle with a special needs child. Her supervisor stated he was unaware that the original Supervision Contract had been improperly completed. Following discussion, the Board approved the applicant, but instructed staff to send an educative letter the Board directed Dr. Evarrs to be more attentive to her responsibilities under the supervision rule and to comply with all supervision requirements in the manner required by Board rule.

Continuing Education

21. Licensees Who Obtained CE after the October 1, 2016 Deadline – The Board approved continuing the policy of the previous three renewal cycles of allowing licensees to renew their licenses even though they obtained their required CE after the October 1st deadline, but then required them to submit documentation of completing their CE hours within the required time period in order to renew their licenses for the next renewal cycle.

Legal/Ethical

22. Ovide, Christopher, Ed.D. – Dr. Ovide's license was suspended on December 1, 2016 for nonrenewal. Dr. Ovide stated that he mistakenly thought that, by not renewing his license, it would just lapse, not that it would be suspended. The Board reviewed and approved his request to relinquish his license in lieu of the suspension.

23. Kato, Yuka, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Kato's request for a special testing accommodation of extra time due to English being her second language.

24. Whicker, Dane, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved Dr. Whicker's request for a waiver of the initial 4-month examination deadline exams due to a hand injury.

25. Stewart, James, M.A. – Mr. Stewart would like to reattempt the EPPP now rather than postponing it until after he receives his doctoral degree as it will represent a significant cost reduction, both in time and money invested in future study material. The Board reviewed and

approved Mr. Stewart's request that he be allowed to sit for EPPP again without having to first reapplying for licensure.

26. Wichman, Amy, M.A. – Ms. Wichman's license was suspended on December 1, 2016 due to nonrenewal. The Board reviewed and denied Ms. Wichman's request for a waiver of the license reinstatement fee as she states that she sent in the second notice renewal form and fee payment check as there is no record that the renewal form or the check were received in the Board office and Ms. Wichman confirmed that the check did not clear her bank account.

27. Gullette, Elizabeth, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Gullette's request that the Board waive the requirement that she must reinstate her license, which was suspended for non-renewal on December 1, 2016, pursuant to NCGS § 90-270.15(f), and let her just renew her license. Dr. Gullette stated that had no intention of not renewing her license, but that her husband had inadvertently placed the original renewal notice in his materials and so she did not see it.

28. Soni, Jag, Ph.D. – Dr. Soni attempted to renew online on September 19, 2016 with a credit card which the system did not accept, so the payment was not processed. Dr. Soni's payment receipt noted in three separate places that payment had failed and the transaction was incomplete. Dr. Soni is requesting a waiver of the late renewal payment fee. (pg. 52)

29. Cofini, Nord, M.Ed. – Mr. Cofini is requesting that the Board establish a retired license status with an affordable renewal fee.

30. Miller, Nancy, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and accepted the supervision report submitted by Patrick C. Quinn, Ph.D.

File Review

Confirm Denial

Oha, Augustina

Proposed Denial

Darkwa, Seth

Admit to Both Exams

Jacobsen, John

Komelasky, Anne

Martin, Victoria



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS
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31. The following reduced supervision files have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting at the indicated level:

- a. Kyle Barnes, M.A.-2
- b. Crouse, Rachel, M.A.-3
- c. Darris Ferguson, M.A.-3
- d. Natalie Jacome, M.A.-3
- e. Rachel Kolb, M.A.-3
- f. Carolyn Perkis, Ed.S.-3
- g. Ashley Phelps, M.A.-2
- h. Christine Smeltz-Zapata, M.A.-3
- i. Chalyce Smith, Psy.D.3
- j. Stephanie Vlad, M.A.-3

File Review

32. The following files have been processed since the last meeting:

Admit to Both Exams

Anand, Deepika – LP (PROV)
Avery, Bradley – PA
Bassili, Kristy – PA
Covert, Carnice – LP (PROV)
File, Audrey – LP (PROV)
Floyd, Jane – LP (PROV)
Frankfurt, Paige – LP (PROV)
Havermann, Robin – LP (PROV)
Herman, Laura – LP (PROV)
Hickey, Megan – LP (PROV)
Hoekstra, Stephanie – PA
Kaplinska, Yuliya – LP (PROV)
Kato, Yuka – LP
Kelly, Ryan – LP (PROV)
Klco, Sara – LP (PROV)
Kurian, Jennifer – PA
McLean, Amy – LP
Marcus, Marvice – LP (PROV)
Milner, Lauren – LP
Oliver, Jason – LP (PROV)
Sandozi, Nehad – LP
Simmons, Celeste – LP (PROV)
Speck, Angela – PA
Stewart, Sarah – LP (PROV)
Williams, Lindsey – LP (PROV)

Admit to State Exam

Contino, Alina – LP

Goyal, Neha – LP

Graham, Amanda – LP

Hajduk, Stephanie – LP

Kossmann, Marc – LP

Liepack, Scot – LP

Michelson, Sara – LP

Morgan, Nicole – LP (MOB)

Rogers, Kelly – LP

Sendler, Allen – PA

Slagle, Clark – LP

Webb, Rebecca – LP

Wheat, Bennie – LP

